

# **EXHIBIT A**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## **If You Bought A Cathode Ray Tube Product, A Class Action Settlement May Affect You.**

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Products include Cathode Ray Tubes and finished products that contain a Cathode Ray Tube such as Televisions and Computer Monitors

*A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

- There is a lawsuit pending involving CRT Products purchased indirectly from the Defendants set out below. “Indirect” means that you did not buy the CRT Product directly from any Defendant. The lawsuit, which is brought as a Class Action, seeks: (a) nationwide injunctive relief to prohibit the Defendants’ (listed below) behavior that is the subject of the lawsuit and (b) money for indirect purchasers in 24 states.
- The states receiving money include: Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.
- A Settlement has been reached with Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. (called the “Settling Defendant”). The litigation is continuing against the remaining Non-Settling Defendants.
- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don’t act. This Notice includes information on the Settlement and the continuing lawsuit. Please read the entire Notice carefully.

**These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this notice.**

You can object or comment on the Settlement	see Question 11
You may also exclude yourself from the Settlement	see Question 11
You may go to a hearing and ask the Court to speak about the Settlement yourself	see Question 15

- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. The litigation against the Non-Settling Defendants is moving towards trial.

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## BASIC INFORMATION

### 1. Why is there a notice?

You have the right to know about the litigation and about your legal rights and options before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement.

The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and the case is called *In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1917. The people who sued are called Plaintiffs and the companies they sued are called Defendants.

### 2. Who are the Defendant companies?

The Defendant companies include: LG Electronics, Inc., LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc., LG Electronics Taiwan Taipei Co., Ltd, Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Philips Electronics North America Corporation, Philips Electronics Industries (Taiwan), Ltd., Philips da Amazonia Industria Electronica Ltda., LP Displays International, Ltd. f/k/a LG.Philips Displays, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., Samsung SDI Co. Ltd., Samsung SDI America, Inc., Samsung SDI Mexico S.A. de C.V., Samsung SDI Brasil Ltda., Shenzhen Samsung SDI Co. Ltd., Tianjin Samsung SDI Co. Ltd., Samsung SDI Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc., Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC., Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., Toshiba America Electronics Components, Inc., Panasonic Corporation f/k/a Matsushita Electric Industrial, Ltd., Panasonic Corporation of North America, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., Beijing-Matsushita Color CRT Company, Ltd. (BMCC), Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Ltd., Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc., Hitachi America, Ltd., Hitachi Asia, Ltd., Tatung Company of America, Inc., Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd., Chunghwa Picture Tubes (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., IRICO Group Corporation, IRICO Display Devices Co., Ltd., IRICO Group Electronics Co., Ltd., Thai CRT Company, Ltd., and Samtel Color, Ltd.

### 3. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit claims that the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize prices of CRT Products resulting in overcharges to consumers who bought CRT Products such as Televisions and Computer Monitors. The Defendants deny that they did anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right.

### 4. Why is there a Settlement but the litigation is continuing?

Only one of the Defendants has agreed to settle the lawsuit. The case is continuing against the remaining Non-Settling Defendants. Additional money may become available in the future as a result of a trial or future settlements, but there is no guarantee that this will happen.

### 5. What is a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Product?

For the purposes of the Settlement, Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Products means Cathode Ray Tubes of any type (e.g. color display tubes, color picture tubes and monochrome display tubes) and finished products which contain Cathode Ray Tubes, such as Televisions and Computer Monitors.

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#### **6. What is a class action?**

In a class action, one or more people, called class representatives, sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. All these people are a class or class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

If the Plaintiffs obtain money or benefits as a result of a trial or future settlement, you will be notified about how to ask for a share or what your other options are at that time. These things are not known right now. Important information about the case will be posted on the website, [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com), as it becomes available. Please check the website to be kept informed about any future developments.

### **THE SETTLEMENT CLASS**

#### **7. How do I know if I am one of the Settlers?**

The Settlers includes any person or business that indirectly bought in the U.S. (excluding claims under the Washington Unfair Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act) from March 1, 1995 through November 25, 2007, any CRT Product made by the Defendants. Both consumers and resellers are included in the Settlement Class.

#### **8. Why does the Settlement exclude claims under the Washington Unfair Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act?**

Based on a motion by the Washington Attorney General, the court in this case has determined that the settlement may not release claims under the Washington Unfair Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act because only the Washington Attorney General may release those claims.

#### **9. What does the Settlement provide?**

The Settlement provides for the payment by Settling Defendant of \$10,000,000 in cash, plus interest, to the Settlers. It also provides that the Settling Defendant will furnish information about the case, including other defendants' involvement in the alleged conspiracy, to Class Counsel. Finally, it provides that part of the \$10 million settlement fund may be used to pay expenses incurred in the litigation.

More details are in the Settlement Agreement, available at [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com).

#### **10. When can I get a payment?**

No money will be distributed to Settlers yet. The lawyers will pursue the lawsuit against the Non-Settling Defendants to see if any future settlements or judgments can be obtained in the case and then be distributed together to reduce expenses. It is possible that money will be distributed to organizations who are, as nearly as practicable, representative of the interests of indirect purchasers of CRT Products instead of Settlers themselves if the cost to process claims would result in small payments to Settlers. Regardless of whether the money is distributed to organizations or the Settlers themselves, the money will first be allocated amongst the 24 states listed on page 1 of this notice, so that each state receives its pro rata share. Each state's pro rata

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share shall be determined by computing its population as a percentage of the total population of all 24 states using census figures from the year 2000.

#### **11. What are my rights in the Settlement?**

**Remain in the Settlement:** If you wish to remain a participant in the settlement you do not need to take any action at this time.

**Get out of the Settlement:** If you wish to keep your right to sue the Settling Defendant about the claims of the class in this case, you must exclude yourself. You will not get any money from this Settlement if you exclude yourself from the Settlement.

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must send a letter that includes the following:

- Your name, address and telephone number;
- A statement saying that you want to be excluded from *In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1917, Chunghwa Settlement; and
- Your signature.

You must mail your exclusion request, postmarked no later than **Month 00, 2011**, to:

CRT Class Action  
P.O. 0000  
City, ST 00000

**Remain in the Settlement and Object:** If you have comments about, or disagree with, any aspect of the Settlement, you may express your views to the Court by writing to the address below. The written response needs to include your name, address, telephone number, the case name and number (*In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1917), a brief explanation of your reasons for objection, and your signature. The response must be postmarked no later than **Month 00, 2011** and mailed to:

COURT	INTERIM LEAD COUNSEL	DEFENSE COUNSEL
Honorable Charles A. Legge (Ret.) JAMS Two Embarcadero, Suite 1500 San Francisco, CA 94111	Mario N. Alioto Trump, Alioto, Trump & Prescott LLP 2280 Union Street San Francisco, CA 94123	Joel S. Sanders Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP 555 Mission Street, Suite 3000 San Francisco, CA 94105

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**12. What am I giving up to stay in the Settlement?**

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you can't sue Settling Defendant, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Settling Defendant about the legal issues in this case. It also means that all of the decisions by the Court will bind you. The "Release of Claims" includes any causes of actions asserted or that could have been asserted in the lawsuit, as described more fully in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement is available at [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com).

**13. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?**

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at <Time> on **Month 00, 2011**, at JAMS, Two Embarcadero, Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94111. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so it is a good idea to check [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com). At this hearing the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. The Court will also consider Interim Lead Class Counsel's request for payment of \$2.5 million from the Settlement Fund to be used for expenses incurred in this case. If there are objections or comments, the Court will consider them at that time. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

**14. Do I have to come to the hearing?**

No. Interim Lead Class Counsel and the Attorneys General of Illinois and Oregon will answer any questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection or comment, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but it's not required.

**15. May I speak at the hearing?**

If you want your own lawyer instead of Interim Lead Class Counsel or the Attorneys General of Illinois and Oregon (if applicable) to speak at the Final Approval Hearing, you must give the Court a paper that is called a "Notice of Appearance." The Notice of Appearance should include the name and number of the lawsuit (*In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1917), and state that you wish to enter an appearance at the Fairness Hearing. It also must include your name, address, telephone number, and signature. Your "Notice of Appearance" must be postmarked no later than **Month 00, 2011**. You cannot speak at the Hearing if you previously asked to be excluded from the Settlement.

The Notice of Appearance must be sent to the addresses listed in Question 11.

**THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU**

**16. Do I have a lawyer in this case?**

The Court has appointed Mario N. Alioto of Trump, Alioto, Trump & Prescott LLP as "Interim Lead Class Counsel" to represent members of the Settlement Class. The Settlement Class is defined in Paragraph 1 of the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement

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with Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., which is available at [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com). If you are a resident of Illinois or Oregon, you are a member of the Settlement Class but are represented by the Attorney General of your state with respect to your claims under those states' antitrust laws.

**17. How will the lawyers be paid?**

You do not have to pay Interim Lead Class Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyers, and have that lawyer appear in court for you in this case, you may hire one at your own expense. At a future time, Interim Lead Class Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees not to exceed twenty five percent (25%) of the \$10,000,000 Settlement Fund plus reimbursement of their costs and expenses, in accordance with the provisions of the Settlement. Interim Lead Class Counsel may also request that an amount be paid to each of the Class Representatives who helped the lawyers on behalf of the whole Class.

**PURCHASE RECORDS**

**18. What steps should I take to demonstrate evidence of purchase/ownership of a CRT Product?**

If you have purchase receipts, invoices or any other proof of purchase of any CRT Product, please retain those documents. If you presently have a CRT Product, please keep it if at all possible. If you are unable to do so, please photograph the front and rear of the CRT Product including any brand name and record the model number, serial number, size and any other information which you believe will help identify the manufacturer of the CRT Product.

**GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

**19. How do I get more information?**

This Notice summarizes the lawsuit and the Settlement. You can get more information about the lawsuit and Settlements at [www.CRTsettlement.com](http://www.CRTsettlement.com), by calling 1-800-000-0000, or writing to CRT Class Action, P.O. 0000, City, ST 00000. Please do not contact JAMS or the Court about this case.

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